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SUBJECT: ICAF FIELD TRIP TO ECUADOR

REF: GERCKEN-NEGROPONTE LETTER OF 4/10/75

1. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED ADVANCE TRIP CHECK LIST, AND BELIEVES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MIGHT BE USEFUL TO YOU.

2. NOTHING REQUIRED FOR ICAF PROJECT OFFICER, BUT BRING A HANDFUL OF ASHTRAYS/CIGARETTE LIGHTERS FOR GENERAL GIFT-GIVING.

3. ARRIVAL: BRANIFF 979, 8 AM MAY 13TH. NO AIRPORT TAX. GROUP WILL BE MET BY EMBASSY OFFICERS. PASSPORTS SHOULD BE BUNDLED TOGETHER WITH BAGGAGE STUBS & HEALTH RECORDS. EMBASSY WILL CLEAR THROUGH CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION, AND RECONFIRM ONWARD FLIGHT. EMBASSY WILL REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT FROM ICAF TRIP PARTICIPANTS FOR BAGGAGE HANDLING (ABOUT 20 CENTS PER BAG). EMBASSY HAS ARRANGED FOR BUS TO HOTEL, &C.

4. HOTEL: EMBASSY WILL PRE-REGISTER AT HOTEL AND DELIVER BAGGAGE -- GROUP WILL DEPART FROM AIRPORT DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY FOR INITIAL BRIEFINGS. WE NEED NAME, PASSPORT NUMBER, AGE, ADDRESS IN US, AND MARITAL STATUS TO PRE-REGISTER IN HOTEL. BAGGAGE SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED WITH ICAF TAGS PLUS NAMES. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE RECONFIRMATION OF HOW YOU INTEND TO PAIR UP (WE HAVE 8 DOUBLES PLUS 2 UNCLASSIFIED

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SINGLES RESERVED) FOR BAGGAGE DELIVERY AND PRE-REGISTRATION

PURPOSES; ARE THEY THE SAME AS IN GERCKEN LETTER OF FEB 19, MODIFIED BY YOUR 142015Z MAR 75? HOTEL COLON ACCEPTS AMERICAN EXPRESS, BANKAMERICARDS, DINERS CLUB, AND EUROCARDS. CURRECNY EXCHANGE IS OPEN MARKET RATE -- THE SUCRE IS HARD AS A ROCK. EXCHANGE FACILITIES OTH WAYS AT HOTEL; PERSONAL CHECKS CAN BE CASHED AT EMBASSY. SINGLE ROOMS ABOUT \$16.25 PER NIGHT; DOUBLES ABOUT \$21.75, INCLUDING TAX AND DISCOUNT. ECUADOR IS LARGELY MONOLINGUAL, INCLUDING HOTEL PERSONNEL OTHER THAN THOSE AT THE FRONT DESK. HOTEL HAS GIFT SHOPS, ARCADE, BAR, POOL, CASINO, POTABLE WATER (IN HOTEL ROOMS AND RESTAURANT ONLY - OTHERWISE RECOMMEND ASKING FOR "GUITIG" BOTTLED WATER, PARTICULARLY IN OTHER EATERIES). SOAP, WASHCLOTHES, TOWELS, TOILET PAPER, &C. FOOD IN HOTEL AND RESTAURANTS IS FINE, BUT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO EAT ONLY COOKED FOODS AND AVOID SALADS, RAW VEGETABLES, &C. RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED; VOLTAGE (FOR ELECTRIC RAZORS) IS 110. TAXIS READILY AVAILABLE.

5. GENERAL: TEMPERATURES RANGE FROM 50 TO 70 IN QUITO, 70 TO 90 IN THE ORIENTE AND IN GUAYAQUIL. RECOMMEND LIGHT SWEATERS FOR EVENINGS IN QUITO, PLUS RAINWEAR. UNIFORMS NOT REQUIRED. CLASS A FUNDS REQUIREMENTS: ABOUT \$200 FOR TRANSPORTATION (BUSES) AND \$250 FOR INTERPRETERS/GUIDES (ALLOW SOME MARGIN FOR OVERRUNS). SUGGEST YOU BRING ABOUT A DOZEN ASHTRAYS AND A DOZEN LIGHTERS OR OTHER SUITABLE TOKENS OF APPRECIATION, PLUS 9 PLAQUES, 2 OF THEM SPARES AND 7 INSCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: (A) GENERAL GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ LARA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR; (B) DR. RODRIGO VALDEZ BAQUERO, SUBSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR; (C) INSTITUTO DE ALTOS ESTUDIOS NACIONALES, QUITO, ECUADOR; (D) BRIGADIER GENERAL JAIME SEMBLANTES S., MILITARY GOVERNOR OF GUAYAS; (E) NICOLAS ROMERO S., MANAGER, GUAYAQUIL PORT AUTHORITY, GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR; (F) WILLIAM BLACK, GENERAL MANAGER, MOLINOS DEL ECUADOR, GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR; (G) THE TEXACO PETROLEUM COMPANY AND THE ECUADORIAN GULF OIL COMPANY (NOTE "ECUADORIAN SPELED WITH AN "I").

6. PTROCOL: THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A COURTESY CALL DURING THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, MAY 13TH, BY THE SENIOR OFFICER OF THE ICAF GROUP (CAPT GERCKEN?) ON THE DIRECTOR UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE ECUADOREAN INSPPPPUUTO DE ALTOS ESTUDIOS NACIONALES (THE ECUADOREAN EQUIVALENT TO THE NWC/ICAF). POSSIBLY ON SOME SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AS WELL. NO OTHER PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS ANTICIPATED.

7. RECECTIONS: ONLY ONE SCHEDULED, WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MAY 14TH, AT 7:30 PM, GIVEN BY US CHARGE D'AFFAIRS BREWSTER R. HEMENWAY, AT HIS RESIDENCE, ABOUT 5 MINUTES

FROM THE HOTEL COLON BY BUS, 10 MINUTES' WALK. 75 INVITED GUESTS, STAG, DARK SUIT; MRS. BAGLEY IS RPT IS INVITED.

8. DEPARTURE: BRANIFF 979, DEPARTS QUITO FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 16TH, AT 0845. INDIVIDUALS SHOULD HANDLE THEIR OWN CHECKOUT FROM HOTEL; RECEPTION AND CASHIER OPEN 24 HOURS, CAFE AND RESTAURANT FROM ABOUT 6AM. BAGGAGE CALL AT 0630; PLEASE HAVE YOUR PASSPORTS, HELATH RECORDS, TICKETS, PLUS 50 SUCRES (ABOUT 2 US) FOR DEPARTURE TAX AND ABOUT 5 SUCRES (20 CENTS US) PER BAG AT THAT TIME. EMBASSY WILL CHECK BAGGAGE AND TICKET FORMALITIES BEFORE GROUP'S ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT. DEPARTURE FROM HOTEL BY BUS AT 0730. EMBASSY CAN HANDLE PAYMENTS FOR BUS &C IF PROVIDED WITH FISCAL DATA AND FUND CITES BY ICAF.

9. DEPENDENTS: WE UNDERSTAND IT WILL BE ONLY MRS. BAGLEY, AND WE WILL TRY TO INCLUDE HER IN AS MANY FUNCTIONS AS POSSIBLE. HER PASSPORT, TICKETS, &C SHOULD SIMPLY BE INCLUDED WITH EVERYONE ELSE'S. SIGHTSEEING & SPECIAL SHOPPING TOURS CAN BE ARRANGED DURING TIME OFF; QUITO'S MAIN SHOPPING DRAG IS WITHIN FIVE BLOCKS OF THE HOTEL COLON; IF TIME PERMITS, WE WILL ARRANGE FOR SIGHTSEEING USING THE ICAF-PAID-FOR BUS. NO SESSIONS PLANNED WITH LOCAL DEPENDENTS. ARE ANY DESIRED?

10. PERSONAL FUNDS: MOST US TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES ACCEPTED; AMERICAN EXPRES AND BANK OF AMERICA SEEM TO BE FAVORITIES. CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED IN MANY PLACES. PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT, BUT EMBASSY CAN HELP. SUCRE TO DOLLAR AND VICE VERSA EXCHANGE RATES ARE OPEN; THERE IS NO BLACK MARKET, AND NO PARTICULARLY PREFERENTIAL RATES OBTAINABLE. CASH WHAT YOU NEED, BUT NO REAL PROBLEMS IN RE-CONVERTING INTO DOLLARS AT THE END TOF THE STAY IN QUITO.

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11. THANK YOUS: COVERED IN PARA ABOVE, EXCEPT THAT WE RECOMMEND SOMEONE BRING ALONG A SUPPLY OF ICAF STATIONERY AND ENVELOPES FOR "THANK YOU LETTERS". WE WILL PROVIDE DRAFTS, TRANSLATIONS, AND TYPING. THEY WOULD BE A NICE TOUCH, FOR DELIVERY THE DAY AFTER BRIEFINGS.  
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